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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned

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For : TOOL EXCHANGE DEVICE AND TOOL

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
 Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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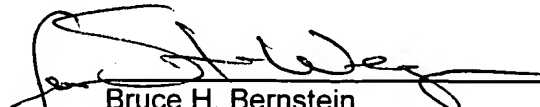
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims and Abstract as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Preliminary Amendment.